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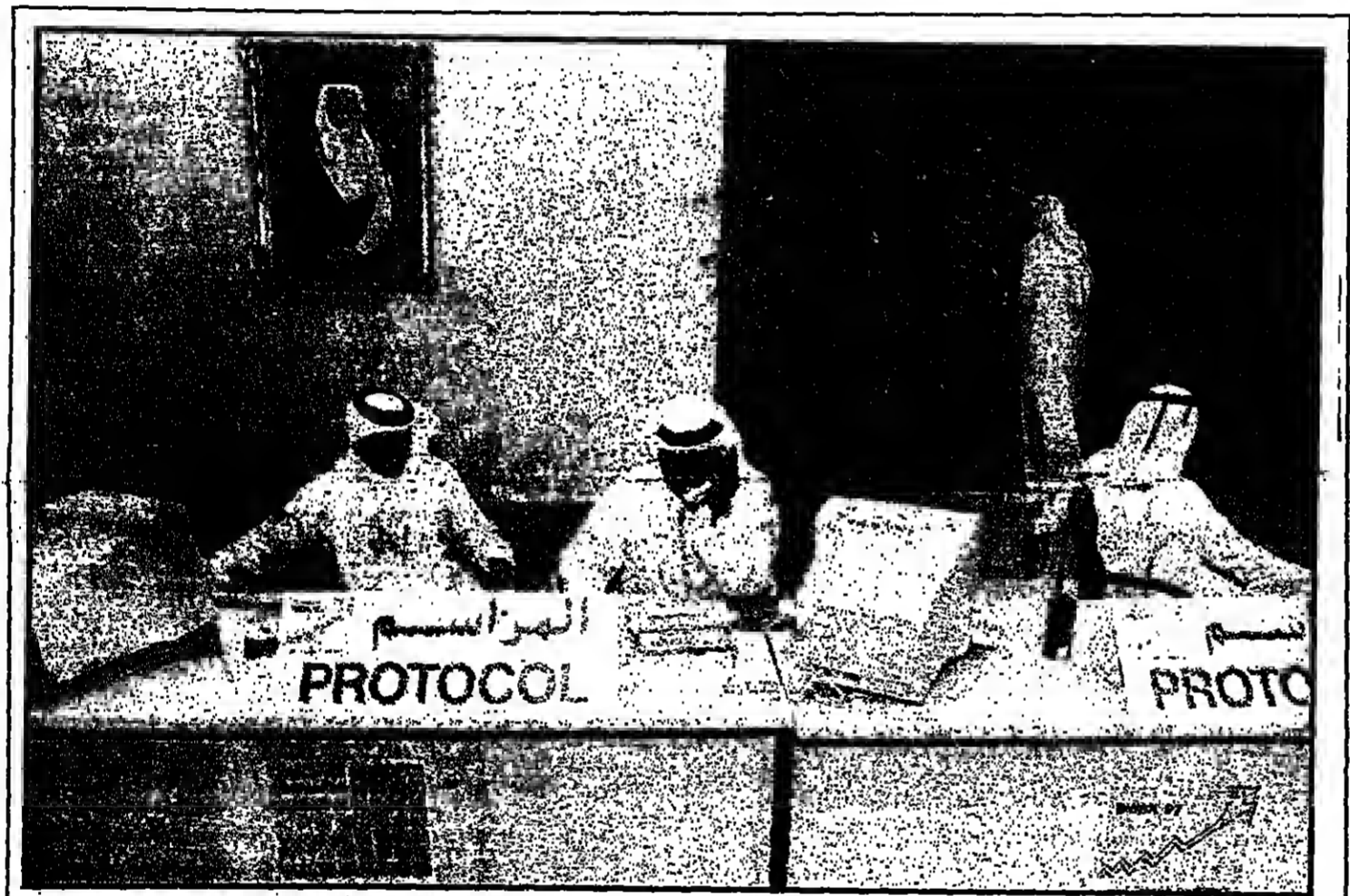
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Albright to discuss Gulf crisis in Riyadh today Iraq opposition: Saddam plotted to kill Ekeus

By JAY BUSHINSKY and agencies LONDON - The Iraqi regime plotted to assassinate the UN's former chief arms inspector, Sweden's Rolf Ekeus, Iraqi opposition sources revealed yesterday.

...ing crisis with Iraq over UN weapons inspections. An informant deep inside Iraq's intelligence establishment notified the Iraqi National Congress, the main opposition group seeking Hussein's overthrow, of the murder plot, the sources said.

the government-controlled Iraqi media "highly irresponsible." "Threatening us is not the answer," she said, imploring Saddam once again to comply with UN Security Council resolutions.



Protocol staff of the Fourth Middle East and North Africa Conference work at their desks yesterday at the Doha Sheraton Hotel in Doha, Qatar, where the conference is scheduled to start today.

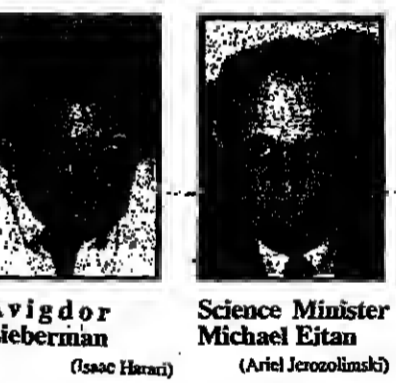
Doha forum opens amid regional tension

By STEVE RODAN and news agencies DOHA, Qatar - While only six Arab governments will be officially represented at the Fourth Middle East and North Africa Economic Conference, which opens here today, some 850 guests from 66 countries - including some from boycotting countries - along with 400 Qataris and 15 non-governmental organizations are attending.

Egypt, Saudis, PA stay home Israeli officials arrived in Doha on Friday concerned that the US face-off with Iraq might explode and derail conference.

Michael Eitan: Dump Lieberman

By SARAH HONG Science Minister Michael Eitan plans to ask for the resignation of Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, "because he made a laughingstock of the Likud."



that Netanyahu would be overthrown - which is not to minimize the enormous rage against what took place in the convention, when the primaries were scrapped despite promises to the contrary.

IDF captures Tzurif gang leaders

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN An undercover IDF unit last week captured two alleged ringleaders of the Tzurif terror cell and another Hamas suspect at a roadblock near Nablus, the IDF said Friday.

October CPI jumps 1.2%

By DAVID HARRIS October's consumer price index increased by a higher-than-anticipated 1.2 percent, according to data published Friday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

PM: Gap with PA is narrowing

By JAY BUSHINSKY and DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday he was encouraged by the outcome of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's talks in Switzerland with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and believes that the gap between Israel and the PA is narrowing.

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# CJF assembly opens amid drop in Israel funding

By MARILYN HENRY

**NEW YORK** - The Council of Jewish Federations, the association of the 184 autonomous federations in the US and Canada that solicit funds for local Jewish programs and United Jewish Appeal, opens its 66th annual General Assembly in Indianapolis tonight with a speech by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, head of the committee trying to forge a compromise on the conversion issue, also are to address the assembly, while US President Bill Clinton is scheduled to appear via satellite broadcast.

Aggravated about the lack of

religious pluralism in Israel, American Jews have been hinting they will penalize Israel financially, and it has been assumed that the UJA would be the target.

But the UJA is no longer the primary monetary conduit to Israel. Instead, the big bucks - some \$700 million - are carefully directed to Israeli institutions that are insulated from the political fray.

There has been a steady increase in American Jewish philanthropy - whose total comes to more than \$4 billion - but it is no longer channeled primarily through the venerable and vulnerable federation system, according to Jack Wertheimer, provost and professor of Jewish history at the Jewish

Theological Seminary in New York.

The amount of money flowing directly to Israeli institutions such as universities and hospitals is more than twice the amount that travels the "traditional" UJA route, says Wertheimer, the author of "Current Trends in American Jewish Philanthropy," which appears in the 1997 *American Jewish Year Book*, published by the American Jewish Committee.

Federations used to allocate 60 percent of their funds to overseas programs. By 1994, it was about 40 percent, and the amount is falling because federations retain larger amounts to fund their own programs, especially those aimed at Jewish continuity and intermar-

riage, Wertheimer says.

The decline in traditional Jewish philanthropy has meant budget cuts for UJA's overseas beneficiaries - the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. But it may have helped other Israeli institutions, as donors - especially major donors - direct contributions to them directly.

In 1995, American Jewish charitable outlays totaled \$4.2 billion to \$4.4 billion, according to Wertheimer. Some \$1.5 billion went to federations (including the UJA); \$2 billion to the religious sector (including synagogue dues and day school tuition fees); \$250 million to cultural, educational, religious and community relations institutions; and

nearly \$700 million was sent to Israel, outside the UJA channel.

The Israel-oriented powerhouses appear to be the "American friends of" organizations, which were founded to direct money to specific Israeli institutions, such as hospitals, universities and foundations.

While the federation system sent some \$220 million to the Jewish Agency in 1994, the major "friends" groups raised \$690 million. That amount does not include all the donations to smaller charities, such as yeshivot, Wertheimer says.

These Israeli institutions were once left to scrounge for funds, as they were dwarfed and ignored by the UJA.

No more. The philanthropic prowess of these institutions was reflected in this year's listing of the 400 largest charities in the US, by the authoritative *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, which was published several weeks ago. The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science privately raised \$39.3 million and was ranked 196, while the American Society for Technion was ranked 202, raising \$36.6 million.

By way of contrast, Hadassah raised \$47.8 million in private funds, ranking 166, behind Yeshiva University in New York, which brought in \$55.1 million.

The Jewish National Fund was ranked 275, raising \$26.7 million.

That was only slightly more than Brandeis University in Massachusetts and far behind the Anti-Defamation League, which drew in \$40.4 million.

Weizmann and the Technion - like Hebrew and Tel Aviv universities - are prestige institutions that are detached from the federations and whose fortunes abroad don't ride on Israeli politics.

One charity, however, says it has benefited from the political battle over pluralism. The New Israel Fund, which funds groups that promote civil rights and religious pluralism, said its contributions increased by 20 percent, to \$13 million a year, apparently in response to the controversy over the conversion bill.



**Celebrating Palestinian independence**  
Palestinian security forces demonstrate rescuing hostages from a bus in Hebron yesterday, as part of Palestinian independence day festivities in the West Bank. Celebrations are to take place in Gaza today. Conflicting reports said three to 10 policemen were injured by tear-gas inhalation while storming the bus and were hospitalized.

## US official: Holocaust victims' money also missing in US

Albright praises Swiss handling of Nazi-gold revelations

By TOM TUGEND and news agencies

**AS** in Switzerland, Holocaust victims left an unknown amount of money in US banks that has never been returned, a senior American official disclosed yesterday.

The official, who is traveling with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, said the question has been ignored so far in American reviews of World War II, but will be addressed in a future study.

The official said the US review of wartime and post-war wrongdoing by other countries had stumbled on the unexplored area of dormant accounts in US banks.

When the US froze bank accounts of all Germans during World War II, it inadvertently included the accounts that German Jews had opened, the official said.

The US government now knows that German Jews deposited money in the US in much the same way they put their assets in Switzerland to avoid Nazi confiscation, he added.

In most of the states where the accounts were dormant, the banks followed legal procedures and turned the money over to the state governments, unlike in Switzerland, where banks keep many dormant accounts indefinitely.

wartime transactions accrued to the Swiss and were passed along to subsequent generations, Albright said, in a speech to the Swiss political establishment.

"That is why the world now looks to the people of Switzerland not to assume responsibility for actions taken by their forbears but to be generous in doing what can be done at this point to right past wrongs," she said.

"And indeed Switzerland has shown courage in confronting this challenge. Among all the neutral countries of World War II, Switzerland is setting the pace in the intensity of its national debate and the comprehensiveness of its approach," she said.

Albright also said she was "heartened" by the Swiss government's "bold" proposal - which is subject to approval by referendum - for a multibillion dollar endowment to assist victims of genocide and oppression around the world.

US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat said he was confident of success in Washington's attempts to reverse threatened boycotts of Swiss banks by several US cities and states over the Holocaust row.

Although Washington could not guarantee that US states would not attempt boycotts of Swiss banks, Eizenstat said. "Hopefully we can now begin to reverse these actions and make it clear that they are neither justified nor productive."

Eizenstat said he had written letters to the state treasurer of California and the city comptroller of New York, asking them to lift their sanctions against Swiss banks.

California State Treasurer Matt Fong, meanwhile, is having second thoughts about the sanctions, partly due to what he says are "mixed signals" from the Jewish

community.

Since July, Fong has liquidated some \$2 billion worth of California funds in Swiss banks by not renewing short-term investments, and he has declared a moratorium on future deposits.

Fong took the publicly unannounced action after reading newspaper reports on the slow pace by Swiss banks in settling the accounts of victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

"As a banker, I questioned whether I could retain confidence in [Swiss] banks to handle my money, if they failed to identify these accounts and return the money," Fong said in an interview in his Los Angeles office.

However, to his surprise and chagrin, he received little feedback from the Jewish community on his action, after it was finally made public in October, and he even received some criticism.

"Because the Jewish community is active in so many other issues, I was surprised that I received very little input, pro or con, on this, so it doesn't seem to be as important to them as I had expected," he said.

What seemed to upset Fong the most, though, was a letter from the Anti-Defamation League, signed by its national director, Abraham H. Foxman, along the same lines as the Eizenstat communication.

"That letter took me by surprise, coming from ADL, a respected organization," said Fong. "There were no phone calls, they didn't ask for a meeting, they just sent me this letter saying but out."

The state treasurer had earlier received strong verbal support from the World Jewish Congress and individual Jewish leaders, and, like many, he seemed baffled that the Jewish community does not speak with one voice.

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The deepening crisis with Iraq, which led the UN to pull its inspectors from that country, "is a well-planned and orchestrated crisis initiated by the Iraqis," writes *Ma'ariv's* Oded Granot in his commentary entitled "Eager for Conflict."

He adds that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein believes that an American attack, limited in scope, that would only strengthen his status in the eyes of his nation.

*Yediot Aharonot's* Ron Ben-Yishai claims that Saddam's actions are meant to prevent UN inspectors from exposing the supply of biological warfare that Iraq has been bidding for six years.

In Washington, officials "believe that if they extend some rope to Saddam, he will eventually hang himself, and if not, they will have to do what they should have done in the winter of 1991 - get rid of him."

Iraq has succeeded in undermining the coalition against it, writes *Ha'aretz's* Zvi Bareil, adding that the next step is to isolate the US from the UN and present "Iraq [as] no longer against the world, but against the US; a small and wretched country against an evil and all-mighty world power."

"The Americans believe that [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's] policies consistently nibble in the US status in the Arab world," asserts *Ma'ariv's* Chemi Shalev, adding that this makes it

difficult for the US to raise the support of Arab countries against Saddam.

*Ze'ev Schiff of Ha'aretz* states that according to Israeli experts, "there is no immediate danger for Israel." However, if the UN inspection dismantles, "there is no doubt that Israel will be faced with a growing danger in the long term."

### The sting

The weekend media provided abundant commentary concerning the outcome of the Likud convention.

"It was the big week for the small functionaries in the Likud," writes *Ma'ariv's* Shalom Yerushalmi.

He added that Netanyahu "jumped on the young and promising horse Yisrael Katz [elected as president chairman] and rode on him with the Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman," all in order to pass the vote to abandon the party primaries.

*Yediot Aharonot's* Bina Barzel claims that the debate around the primaries was only a blur: the prime minister's real agenda: the passing of other clauses in the Likud constitution that will ensure his leadership over the party.

It was also obvious to Likud members who was running the show: "Lieberman by remote-control."

"The rage of Likud ministers against Lieberman is unjustified," claims *Ha'aretz's* Hanna Kim, who adds "it is true that he is forceful and ruthless but apparently he only carries out his boss's wishes."

*Ma'ariv's* Sima Kadmon states that Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, the last of Netanyahu's loyalists who was candidate for the convention's presidium chairman and who withdrew his candidacy after refusing to raise the primaries issue "was stabbed in the back by the prime minister."

Kadmon also refers to Communication Minister Limor Livnat's harsh speech as "a political suicide."

*Yediot Aharonot's* Nahum Barnea concludes that now, "the action has been transferred from center stage to behind the scenes. It is a time for plotting."

### GSS agent

The Shamgar Report's secret sections that were made public

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Sharansky was upbeat about the event despite the sparse attendance by Arab governments. "There will be lots of unofficial meetings that we hope will open new doors," he told journalists on Friday. "In the end, it is the businessmen who have to make business."

After weeks of debating the matter, the Palestinians officially backed out over the weekend, blaming the impasse in negotiations with the Israeli government.

"In view of the crisis in the peace process and the Israeli refusal to implement agreements and the continuation of its settlement activity, the Palestinian Authority took a decision not to participate," Palestinian minister Hanan Ashrawi said Friday.

The participation of more than 700 businesspeople hints at the region's abundant commercial opportunities despite the poorer-than-expected governmental attendance. US Commerce Secretary William Daley said Friday.

US companies are now doing about \$24 billion in business in the Middle East, and such regional forums are a factor, Daley said.

Daley spoke with reporters in Washington before departing for Qatar, where he and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will head the US delegation, which includes 120 members of the private sector.

have shed light on General Security Service agent Avishai Raviv's conduct during his service.

*Yediot Aharonot's* Anat Tal-Shir and Guy Leshem emphasize the problematic personality of Raviv.

The impression of Raviv's operators was that he is "unstable, in conflict with himself, stretches the line with his operators."

His recruiters indicated that he has a "treacherous, infantile and complex personality."

Yossi Velter of *Ma'ariv* reveals that for most of the Jews in the territories,

"Raviv constitutes a personal and collective trauma." He adds that the population there believes that Raviv is part of a plot meant to smear an entire public.

"The population is enraged; they testify that until Rabin's assassination... they were part of the consensus... and now they are considered outsiders."

They call the Raviv affair a provocation and not a conspiracy, writes Velter.

Among the US corporations represented are Occidental Petroleum, Amoco, Salomon Brothers, Boeing, General Electric, Mobil, and Westinghouse.

"Many of the government delegations are not coming... [but] business representatives from those countries are coming, and that's an important statement," Daley said.

But Israeli officials are concerned that the US showdown with Iraq over its refusal to allow American inspectors to visit suspected storage sites of nonconventional weapons will disrupt the conference. Qatar is close enough to Iraq so that any military confrontation could cause conference participants to flee, they said.

Israel, Jordan, and the US are expected to sign an agreement to launch joint ventures in the tribal industrial zone, products of which could be exported to the US duty-free. The venture will combine Israeli technology with Jordanian labor in what officials hope will create thousands of new jobs in the Hashemite kingdom, where unemployment is an estimated 20%.

The conference will include numerous seminars such as regional projects, privatization, tourism, and telecommunications. One seminar will concern Islamic financing techniques, to attract the business of devout Muslims who are forbidden to deal with interest.

Hillel Kuntler contributed to this report.

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Saddam must be destroyed

There seems little point in asking for more sanctions against Saddam Hussein — those in place are failing. Nor is there much point in calling for a united world effort to bring him to heel — the grand coalition of 1991 has fallen apart. Even those Arab states that should feel most threatened by Saddam are unwilling to line up again with the West against an Arab leader, even one as despicable as that in Baghdad.

looking at such an action through Saddam's eyes, it is hard to see any advantage. He would need to be in the grip of a serious death wish to attempt it, since Israel owes him one since 1991, and will certainly not tolerate any more cavalier games with its security. So far all the United States has done is to ask for more UN sanctions, and all it has achieved is a fairly feeble Security Council resolution.



Reversal of fortune

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

In the aftermath of the judge's reduction of Louise Woodward's verdict and sentence, several points must not be overlooked. First, is there anybody on the face of the earth who believes that on the basis of the prosecution's evidence, the 19-year-old girl was guilty of first-degree murder?

Politics of antisemitism

DAVID WEINBERG

Is the struggle against antisemitism around the world Israel's fight? For close to 30 years the official answer to this question was a resounding no. Now that's changed, and there are policy implications. In Israel's early years, the unspoken attitude was "if Jews abroad have a problem with antisemitism they can always migrate to Israel."

More politically, Naveh wants the forum to take up Palestinian antisemitism, and more specifically, the "antisemitism" inherent in the Palestinian Authority-declared death sentence for Palestinians who sell lands to Israelis. Tel Aviv University and the major Jewish organizations fear politicization of the forum. "Our ability to combat antisemitism abroad could be undermined if the forum is perceived to be pursuing a political agenda," one of the forum members told me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OFFICIAL POLICY Sir, - Your report on Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy on November 13 ("Axworthy distances himself from Iraq deal") contained a regrettable error, probably due to my failure to make myself clear. I stated that neither I nor anyone in my office was authorized to comment on a directive to the security services...

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 16, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that panic spread through the city when five Arabs and one Jew were killed in a day of terror. Ladies full of helmets, rifles and shotguns, armored cars and trucks loaded with sandbags and barbed-wire barricades thundered past through the streets. Business was disorganized and schools closed early. Night curfew continued in Jerusalem for the fifth night in succession.

Equality for the Beduin

DAVID NEWMAN

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan's recent comment on the need to control the territorial expansion of the Negev Beduin has, once again, raised the uncomfortable issue of how we relate to our Arab minority. There are approximately 100,000 Beduin in the northern Negev. This community has experienced one of the most rapid growth rates of any population group within the country over the past 40 years.

the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Jewish-Arab Economic Development Fund, and the Abraham Foundation, to name but a few, which support and fund projects aimed at transforming the Beduin into first-, rather than second-class citizens. It does not reflect positively on the state that these communities have to turn to outside organizations to provide them with basic services they should be receiving from the government.

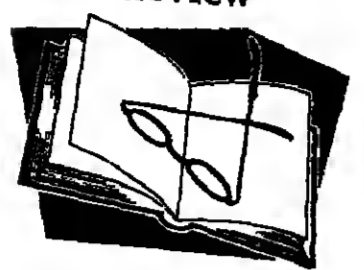
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Reversal of fortune

# Deadly shots

Book Review



A new book commemorates 135 photographers who died in the French war in Indochina and in the Vietnam War, Elizabeth Kastor writes

WASHINGTON — They found Sam Castan's film on the body of a dead North Vietnamese. Developed and printed, the pictures of that day in 1966 show 22 soldiers just before the attack in which 18 of them — and the *Look* magazine editor and photographer — would die.

In the last frame of color film Robert Capa shot on May 25, 1954, anonymous soldiers in brown walk through a vast field of tall green and yellow grass that looks to go on forever. Some time later that day, colleagues heard a mico explode, and the legendary photographer was dead.

An elegantly dressed woman crouches on a chaotic street, her dying child in her arms. She sobs for help as Phnom Penh falls in 1975. The man who took the picture, AP photographer Sou Vichith, a Cambodian, was last seen walking with his family toward the killing fields. He has not been heard from since.

To view the moment of death is to intrude on the ultimate intimacy. To see, preserved on film, the harsh world as observed by someone just before that moment is profoundly unnerving — we walk with Capa, but unlike him, know the mine is waiting.

*Requiem* is a book commemorating 135 photographers from all sides who died in the French war in Indochina and in the Vietnam War. It includes essays by David Halberstam, Neil Sheehan, Peter Arnett and others who wrote about the war. An exhibit of pictures from the book is showing at the Newseum in Arlington, Va., and

more than 300 family members and friends gathered there recently for a symposium and reception.

"This book is not a book about dead people and Vietnam," co-editor and veteran Associated Press photographer Horst Faas said. "It's mainly, to me, a book on an important chapter of journalism in which everyone who was involved could be proud of."

The book is that, but it is also about what happens to a person's work and memory after the person is gone. And, like all photography,

**"Like all photography, this book is about looking: The desire to see and document what the bloody, exhausted, furious, roaring center of war looked like"**

it is about looking: The desire to see and document what the bloody, exhausted, furious, roaring center of war looked like.

SOME OF the pictures will be at least vaguely familiar, some of the names known. But many have never been Vietnam icons. Their

negatives waited in attics and archives here and in Vietnam until photographers Tim Page and Faas began to look.

The book begins with pictures a US government photographer and freelancer Everett Dixie Reese took in the 1950s. The sun sifts through monsoon clouds onto mountains and plains. On the terrace of a temple of Angkor Wat, a monk stands timeless. But the future was stirring and Reese saw it. Cambodian peasants carve wooden dummy rifles for the local French-controlled militia. A man in a loincloth holds a bow and arrow. Reese was killed when a plane he was in was shot down over Saigon in 1955.

Beyond his mother's stories, Alan Reese had no memories of his father.

"The pictures," he said. "That's what I have." The book and exhibit had their genesis years ago in Page's attempts to memorialize a friend, photographer Sean Flynn. The son of actor Errol Flynn, he vanished on a road in Cambodia in 1970, along with photographer Dana Stone.

Page spent years tracking the fate of Flynn and Stone, discovering they were captured and held by the Khmer Rouge for more than a year.

Their story, he believes, ended in a killing field. In working the Vietnamese bureaucracy on behalf of the monument he wanted to build for photographers who died in the war, Page found himself in an archive of pictures by North Vietnamese photographers.



South Vietnamese forces follow terrified children fleeing a napalm strike in 1972. The girl at the center ripped off her burning clothes. (AP)

Prints in hand, he approached his friend Faas, AP photo editor in Saigon from 1962 to 1973 and now AP's senior photo editor based in London. The two began work in 1991.

Page and Faas had names, dates of deaths, but in many cases not much more. Young Western photographers wandered in and out of Vietnam, drawn by excitement and the opportunity to take career-making pictures. Sometimes they died before anyone got to know them.

The North Vietnamese considered themselves soldiers first,

photographers second. Their photographs were to be used as propaganda and are, as Faas said, "strangely void of horror." They were forbidden to show dead and wounded communist soldiers.

"Their combat stuff doesn't have the same intimacy as ours, because they didn't see the war the way we do," Page said. "They were going to die for their country — theirs was a glorious role."

More than once, people asked *Life* magazine photographer Larry Burrows if he had a death wish. How else to explain the

decade spent, on and off, taking pictures in Vietnam?

"I think he dismissed it as ridiculous," says Russell Burrows, whose father died when his helicopter was shot down over Laos in 1971. "The combination of being in love with the place and the fact that it was such an important story is what tied him so thoroughly to Vietnam."

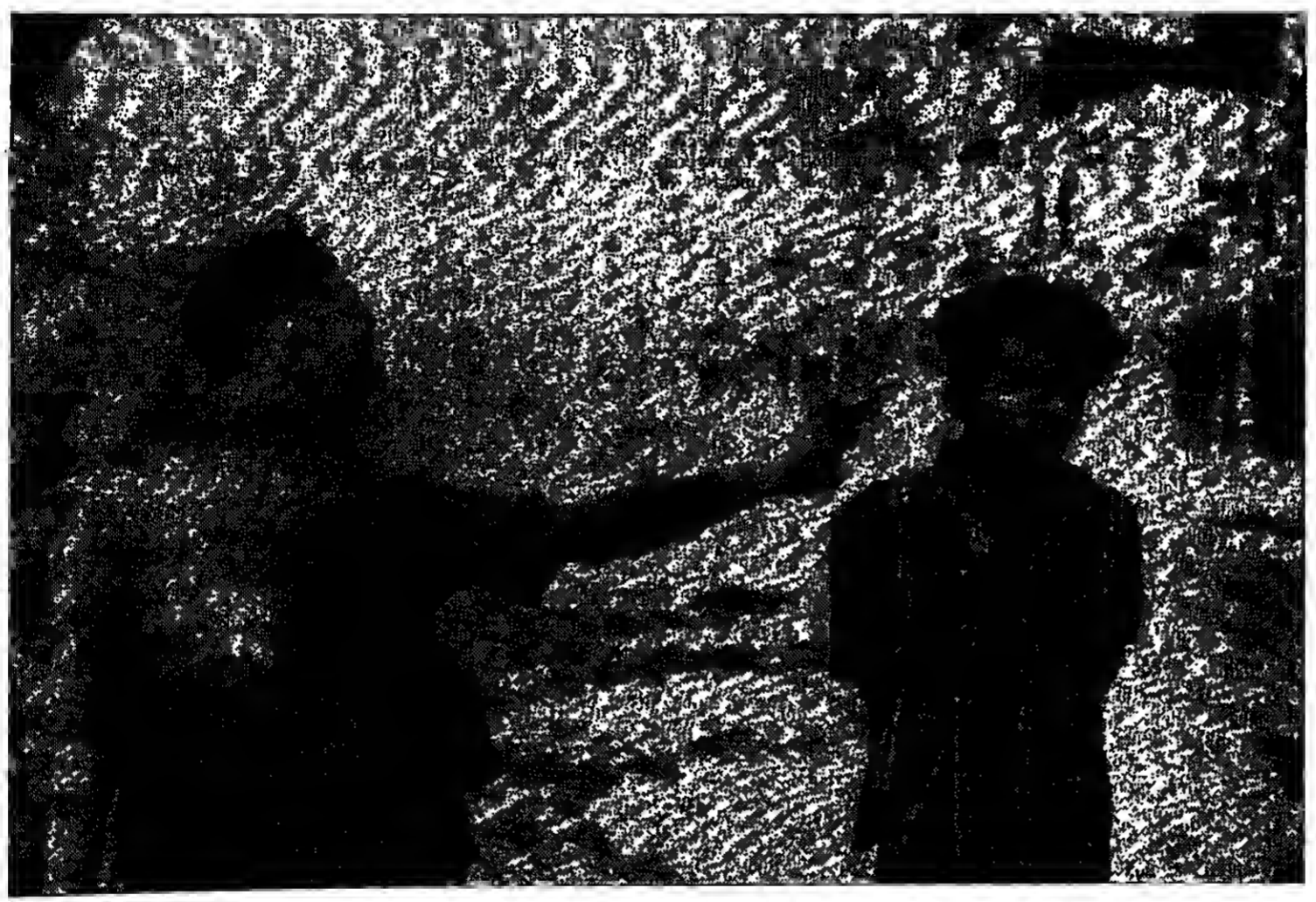
Bernard Fall, who survived the Holocaust and fought in the French Resistance, took half a dozen trips to Vietnam to research and to take pictures for his books, among them *Street Without Joy*. When Fall was

killed in 1967 on his sixth trip to Vietnam, he left three daughters under 10.

After his death, his wife, Dorothy, received the tape-recorded notes he was dictating February 21, 1967. A transcript is included in *Requiem*.

"Shadows are lengthening," Fall said into his recorder, "and we have reached one of our phase lines after the firefight and it smells bad — meaning it's a little bit suspicious. Could be an am —"

With that, the tape ended. And so did Bernard Fall's life. (The Washington Post)



Eddie Adams' Pulitzer Prize winning photo shows the South Vietnamese police chief shooting a Viet Cong officer on a Saigon street in 1968. (Eddie Adams/AP)



"I think what happens is that one goes over the edge — you become slightly mad," wrote photographer Donald McCullin, who took this 1968 shot of an American soldier in South Vietnam. (Donald McCullin)

## Assessing the value of life

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

How much is your life worth? Or, for that matter, any person's life? That's a moot point. It might be \$1.5 million over a 75-year life span or it might be only \$100,000. It really all depends on where you live.

are based on how much a country is willing (and/or able) to pay to avoid risks of death to their citizens.

Since the richer nations spend about \$1.5 million per capita over the course of a 75-year lifetime on programs designed to prevent unnecessary death, the IPCC took that figure to represent the value of that person's life. Poorer countries spend far less per capita and therefore the lives of their citizens are calculated as being worth less.

The report has been attacked by many representatives of the world's less developed countries and by some from the most affluent as being both cynical and immoral, but the scientists who prepared the report are unwilling to change it, saying they would rather withdraw their report altogether than alter it. David Pearce of University College, London, one of the authors said in an interview with *The New Scientist* that "the report is scientifically correct even though it may not be politically correct."

Critics, including Aubrey Mayer of the London-based Global Commons Institute, say that the report, in addition to being discriminatory and immoral, also makes unfounded assumptions, including the fact that "willingness

to pay" is the same as "ability to pay." The report also assumes that poor countries will always remain poor, critics charge. As countries develop, they say, their ability to pay to protect their citizenry also increases and therefore the value of their lives would be more.

One of the points in the report that brought forth some of the strongest criticism was the statement that while global warming may lower the Gross World Product by 1.2 to 2 percent, the steps needed to halt global warming would cost much, much more, possibly as much as the value of 5 or even 6 percent of the GWP.

Many environmentalists say this is, in fact, giving a license to the governments of the world to do nothing about global warming because it isn't cost effective. Pearce, however, denies that the report is a blueprint for inaction and that while the figures are correct they do not endorse any plan that will allow global warming to continue to rise.

But the fact remains that such issues are often decided on the basis of cost effectiveness. A report such as this one, which is now likely to be accepted by the UN body, could tiff legitimacy to those who oppose steps to halt global

warming. But this is a matter that goes far beyond global warming. If this report gains official status it may come to represent "conventional wisdom" and the cost estimate placed on human life will spill over into plans to prevent ozone depletion, air pollution, floods, radioactive hazards and other health threats.

Ultimately many critics of the report say it will have an effect on

the thinking about all disaster prevention and relief work as well as on development programs in health and welfare in the poorer nations. In the end, these may be decided not on the basis of need or of the possibility of eliminating human suffering and saving human life, but rather on the basis of the bottom line. "How much will it cost?" and "Is it really worth it?"

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# Out of Zion shall go forth Torah - on disk



**By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich**

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Rating: five stars out of five

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Rating: four stars out of five

Selling holy Jewish texts, whether on paper or on disk, is undoubtedly a good business. Due to demographic trends, the number of Jews interested in them is increasing, in Israel and in parts of the Diaspora.

Expensive sets of Talmud are the classic engagement or wedding present in haredi families, and yeshiva students need an endless supply of books.

With the growing availability of reference texts on CD-ROMs, yeshiva students have taken to computers with the enthusiasm of a hungry family served steaming cholent on a chilly Shabbat morning.

Most rabbis, especially the older ones, have been slower to accept this new medium - perhaps because they have no computer training, or perhaps out of personal concern. After all, the Master Daf disk box promotes itself by saying: "Make your day complete; have your own private Rebbe!"

But more technologically with-it yeshiva heads are installing personal computers and relevant CD-ROMs in their study halls. It is clear that despite the convenience of the plastic disks for searching the sources, they can't replace the printed version. How can one study Talmud on Shabbat or holidays without the book?

Master Daf is a very innovative product, arriving just in time for the new seven-year cycle of the Daf Yomi ("daily page" of Talmud), which began just a few weeks ago.

Jews around the world study the same page of Talmud daily, beginning with Tractate Brachot. Master Daf has endorsements from leading rabbis here and abroad.

TES plans to issue a new disk every couple of months to keep up the pace. By the end of the cycle, the company could be expected to release 70 disks, but technology to improve the compression of data will likely allow it to eventually reduce the required number of disks to around 15.

Each word of the tractate is translated into English and explained by Rabbi Avraham Kozman, a talented Bnei Brak scholar in his late 30s who graduated from the Ner Yisroel Yeshiva in Baltimore, immigrated here and teaches today at the Slobodka Yeshiva. The user can start and stop the lecture at will and begin at any point of the discussion.

The Talmud text itself is presented as it appears in the classic Vilna Edition, with the Gemara in the center and the Rashi and Tosafot commentaries running along its sides.

# Russian scientists: Westward-bound

**Many Russian scientists are considered world-class, but few have experience in commercial projects. Now some are getting better-paying jobs at home and abroad thanks to Western firms eager for their expertise, Lynn Berry reports**

MOSCOW — From an 18th century manor house, Nikolai Plate presides over vast ranks of once-privileged scientists, the brains behind the Soviet military machine and space program.

The scientists have fallen on hard times in the new Russia. But some are getting back on their feet thanks to a new paying customer — Western companies eager to tap into the considerable expertise of Russian researchers.

"Come and deal with us as you would with the University of Wisconsin," said Plate. "We can do everything that the University of Wisconsin can do, but we can do it cheaper."

As secretary-general of the Academy of Sciences, Plate is pushing its hundreds of research institutes in to more in attract commercial contracts to replace the loss of generous government subsidies.

During the Soviet era, scientists were a privileged elite. Now, they say their state salaries are down to "about \$100 a month," which is below the national average and a paltry sum in expensive Moscow. Many have abandoned their labs in search of better-paying jobs at home and abroad.

The ability to adapt their scientific work to commercial needs is creating haves and have-nots

among the academy's remaining 65,000 researchers. While the percentage of scientists who have benefited from foreign money is unknown, it is clearly growing. Western governments have financed some projects to keep Russian nuclear scientists from selling their know-how to anti-Western states such as Libya and Iran.

But as long as Russia's economy remains weak, the best answer may lie with companies like International Specialty Products of Wayne, New Jersey, which has hired several teams of Russian scientists.

"They aren't inherently better or worse," said Bob Mininni, the company's vice president for research and development. "The main thing is that you have access to world-class scientists. In the US, they are already tied up, but in Russia there's a chance to link up with them. Our intent is to take some of their technology, mix it up with ours

and have it show up in one of our products," said Mininni, whose company makes chemicals for skin and hair care products.

DuPont Co. is collaborating with 50 groups of Russian researchers, said Heinz Hefter, a German-based executive with the American chemical giant headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware. Reynolds Metals Co. of Richmond, Virginia, brought Russian scientists to the US and was so pleased with their work that it sent some back to Russia to run teams of researchers from

their former institutes, said Charles Hardy, a Reynolds vice president. The West has long coveted Russia's rich natural resources, but Hardy said, "the assets in Russia don't need to be the minerals." Many Russian scientists are considered first-class. They put the first man in space, designed an atomic bomb and developed the physics behind advanced Soviet weaponry.

But few had any experience in commercial projects. For the institutes that are unwilling or unable to adapt, Plate said the situation is "really miserable." Others, like the Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis, of which Plate is the director, have signed lucrative contracts with Western oil and chemical companies. This has allowed them to buy new equipment for the first time in a decade, while paying researchers a respectable wage, he said.

"I can pay them double, triple, quadruple times the state salary,"

Plate said, referring to the 450 researchers at his Moscow institute. "I can send them for three months to the US to use the new instruments, to observe new approaches. This is very important." His successes may have helped land him the academy job and the office in its butter-colored mansion surrounded by rose gardens.

Many Russian researchers, though, have already left their institutes, often leaving behind older colleagues. Alexander Marin keeps his office at the Institute of Biochemical Physics, but spends most of the year working at an Italian university so he can feed his family.

"I have 16 patents, more than 100 publications and three books, but nobody here wants my ideas," Marin said. "Probably in the future this will change."

The Academy of Sciences has lost more than 10 percent of its researchers in the past five years, according to Plate, although that may not account for all those who keep their positions but work at other jobs.

"Who is here? Those who cannot escape," said Gennady Zaikov, who heads a research team at the Institute of Biochemical Physics. "I'm 62 years old. I have no possibility of changing my profession." (Associated Press)

# Digging for dinosaur bones and dollars

**By ALEXANDRA ZAVIS**

For years, private landowners in the US have cooperated with scientists wanting to dig up dinosaur fossils on their property.

But the record \$8.4 million paid recently at a public auction for a *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil already has some landowners seeing dollar signs.

The sale shows that dinosaurs are wonderfully popular, and that is good for the science. But it is a double-edged sword," says Blaire Van Valkenburg, a professor of paleontology at the University of California-Los Angeles. Dinosaurs, long popular among children, have only recently entered the realm of popular culture, aided by the film and book *Jurassic Park*.

As demand for fossils has increased, so has the competition faced by scientists from commercial collectors.

US federal law allows only scientists to excavate vertebrate fossils on the half-billion acres (200 million hectares) of government-owned land.

But commercial collectors are free to prospect for old bones on private ranches and farmland.

The price paid last month by Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History to acquire the fossil nicknamed Sue (after its discoverer, marine archaeologist and paleontologist Susan Hendrickson) could now put the cost of digging on private land out of the reach of most academics, according to members of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.

John Horner, the inspiration for the paleontologist hero of *Jurassic Park*, says at least a

dozen ranch owners, with whom he has worked for years, have recently started demanding money in advance before he can start looking on their land.

In some instances, landowners have asked museums to return fossils they were previously willing to donate to science, says Larry Flynn, an executive member of the paleontology society and president of Save the Fossils for Everyone.

"My phone has not stopped ringing since the news came out," says Allen Graffenham, a commercial fossil dealer who heads Geological Enterprises in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

"It sends a message to landowners that they have something valuable on their land, and they are going to be reluctant to let university people on their property unless they pay."

However, he doesn't see this as a threat to science.

"There are so many billions of fossils in the ground in North America, I don't believe for one minute that they are a limited resource," he adds.

The problem, according to Lou Jacobs, president of the paleontology society, is distinguishing between the many common invertebrate fossils and a few rare vertebrate ones. That requires a certain amount of expertise.

As concerned as it is about excavations of private land, the society is even more worried about the future of federal land, where the vast majority of North American fossils are found.

"There is no reason for species which already belong to the public to be taken out and sold back to the public," added



Have you got one of these buried in your back yard? Dinosaur fossils are big money.

Horner, who heads the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana.

Horner also fears that Sue's record sale will give people the idea to go digging for their own dinosaur fossils.

"The most important time for a fossil is when it is still in the ground," he says. "Once it is taken out, it loses its scientific context."

Horner, who started his career as an amateur dinosaur hunter, says that his museum has regularly worked with volunteer enthusiasts to help dig up fossils. (Associated Press)

# Beware of deceptive medical claims on the 'Net'



**By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich**

Beware of false or deceptive claims for medical treatments broadcast over the Internet. The US Federal Trade Commission recently identified hundreds of potentially harmful or useless claims concerning treatments for diseases such as AIDS and cancer.

Volunteer Net surfers from North America and Mexico reported on their findings to the FTC during the Health Claims Surf Day at the end of September.

They found more than 400 Web sites and numerous Usenet newsgroups that contain promotions for products and services claiming to help cure, treat or prevent AIDS, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and mul-

iple sclerosis.

The FTC sprang into action by sending hundreds of e-mail messages to Web sites and newsgroups pointing out that advertisers must have evidence to support their claims.

It plans to revisit the sites in the coming weeks to determine if changes were made.

"Hopeful and sometimes desperate consumers spend millions of dollars on unproven, deceptively marketed and often useless 'miracle cures,' and the Internet should not become the newest medium for this age-old problem," said Jodie Bernstein, head of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection.

"In addition to wasting consumers' money, some products or treatments may even cause them serious harm or endanger their lives," she added. "Even when the advertised remedy is harmless, it can still have a detrimental effect if it causes consumers to stop or slow the use of proven treatments."

**VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION**  
Students at the Rocanati

Graduate School of Management at Tel Aviv University are able, for the first time, to register for their studies via the Internet instead of having to do so on campus.

Each student accepted for the 1997/8 school year is given a limited number of points that he or she can allocate among courses for registration.

Each course will accept students who "paid" the "price" — the highest number of points. Results of this "tender" are made public on the Net and also sent by mail to the students. The TAU graduate school site is at <http://www.tau.ac.il/gsb>.

**HIGH-TECH STUDIES IN DEMAND**

The Haifa Technion has reported an average 18% jump in the number of applicants for bachelor's degree studies in scientific and technological programs compared to last year and 53% more than two years ago.

Of these, 1,782 new students have started the fall semester — a 9% increase over last year and 50% rise over the figure two years ago.

**ANOTHER FIBER-OPTIC CABLE PLANNED**

A new \$80 million underground phone cable will link Israel to Cyprus and Italy, after partners in the project reached an agreement in principle at a recent meeting in Tel Aviv.

The new cable will branch into two, with one going to Cyprus and the other to Sicily, where it will link up with the undersea cable system that links the Middle East to the Far East, the US, South America and Europe.

The cable was supposed to be named Med 1, but it will be renamed in memory of Gideon Lev, the former Communications Ministry director-general who initiated the idea.

It was agreed that Bezeq will hold 21.25% of the shares, Italy Telecom 18.25%, the Cyprus telecommunications company 7.25%, Calcom (Israel) 18.25%, Globuscom and Aureq (of Israel) 8.25% each and Telrad and Kama (also of Israel) 9.25% each.

Bezeq director-general Ami Erel said the new project will allow the company to enter the era of fiber-optic undersea cables; this enables higher-speed and higher-quality computer communications, video conferencing and Internet and Television transmissions in addition to a much larger volume of ordinary phone conversations. It will also help Bezeq compete in an open market, he said.

In the future, Erel added, developments in the telecommunications sector may make it necessary to lay another fiber-optic cable.



Holik's pair lifts Devils

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) - Bobby Holik scored two goals and Randy McKay had a goal and two assists Friday to lead the New Jersey Devils to a 4-1 victory over the Colorado Avalanche.

Islanders 4, Lightning 1 Tom Chorske scored two goals and Tommy Salo stopped 33 shots as visiting New York ruined Jacques Demers' debut as Tampa Bay coach.

Petr Sykora also scored for the Devils, who won their fifth straight and improved their record to 8-1-0 over the last nine contests.

Flyers 5, Panthers 2 John LeClair scored twice and had an assist to lead Philadelphia to an away win.

A Philadelphia three-goal spurt in a span of 3:50 in the third period broke open a 2-2 game and gave the Flyers their fifth straight win over the Panthers.

Rangers 3, Penguins 1 Alexei Kovalev scored his first goal of the season and New York shook off another slow start at home to win at home.

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Hawks, Lakers stay unbeaten

ATLANTA (AP) - Christian Laettner scored 18 points and Alan Henderson came off the bench for 17 as the unbeaten Atlanta Hawks extended their best start in franchise history with a 104-103 win over the Sacramento Kings on Friday.

Phoenix's victory snapped the Trail Blazers' six-game winning streak. Rex Chapman, who made a 30-footer to send the game to a third extra period, scored 28 points and finally clinched the victory with two free throws with 11.2 seconds to play.

Arvydas Sabonis had 31 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists in 50 minutes.

The Hawks, 9-0, moved within six victories of tying the best start in NBA history - 15 games by the Baltimore Bullets in 1948-49 and the Houston Rockets in 1993-94.

Miami had a chance to tie, but Terry Mills stepped out of bounds with 0.7 seconds left and the Heat trailing by three.

Smits wrapped up the scoring by hitting one of two free throws with 0.3 seconds left.

Nick Van Exel scored 35 points, including 12 in the two overtimes and a 25-footer at the end of regulation, as visiting Los Angeles won its seventh straight.

Horace Grant scored 21 points and Bo Outlaw had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead Orlando to a home win.

The Magic bounced back from an embarrassing 26-point loss to Sacramento despite playing without leading scorer Penny Hardaway, who was sidelined because of tendonitis in his left knee.

The Lakers, who had won despite blowing a 15-point lead, are off to their best start since they opened the 1987-88 season 8-0.

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Michael Jordan got his offense going early as Dennis Rodman was arriving late. Together, they led host Chicago out of a modest two-game losing streak.

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Jordan shook off a shooting slump to score 28 points and a tardy Rodman hauled in 14 rebounds in 23 minutes as the Bulls hit 100 points for the first time all season.

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Rockies' Walker wins National League MVP

NEW YORK (AP) - Larry Walker won the National League Most Valuable Player award on Thursday to become the first Canadian in either league to win the honor.

Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza was second with three firsts, 22 seconds, two thirds and one fourth for 263 points, followed by Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell - the 1994 winner - with 253 points.

Walker had 409 total bases, the most in the major leagues since Stan Musial in 1948. He also led the NL in homers, slugging percentage (.720), extra-base hits (99) and on-base percentage (.452) and won his third consecutive Gold Glove in the outfield.

His batting average was second in the league, six points behind San Diego's Tony Gwynn. Walker had his average at .400 or higher as late as July 17, his 96th game of the season.

Thursday's results: Cleveland 85, New Jersey 74; Washington 91, Minnesota 69 (OT); Philadelphia 90, Dallas 98; L.A. Lakers 109, San Antonio 100 (OT); Seattle 95, Detroit 88; Milwaukee 102, L.A. Clippers 94.

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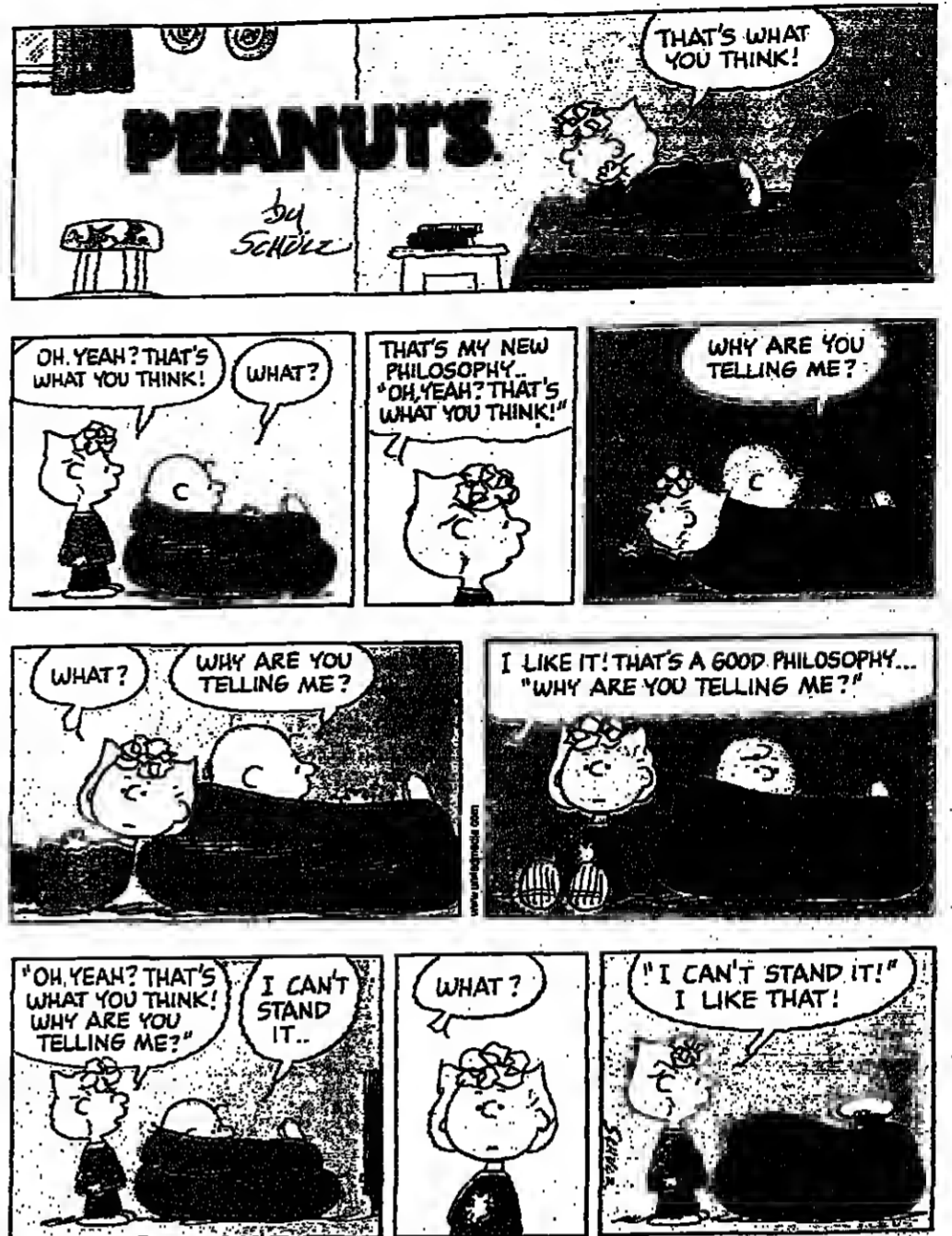
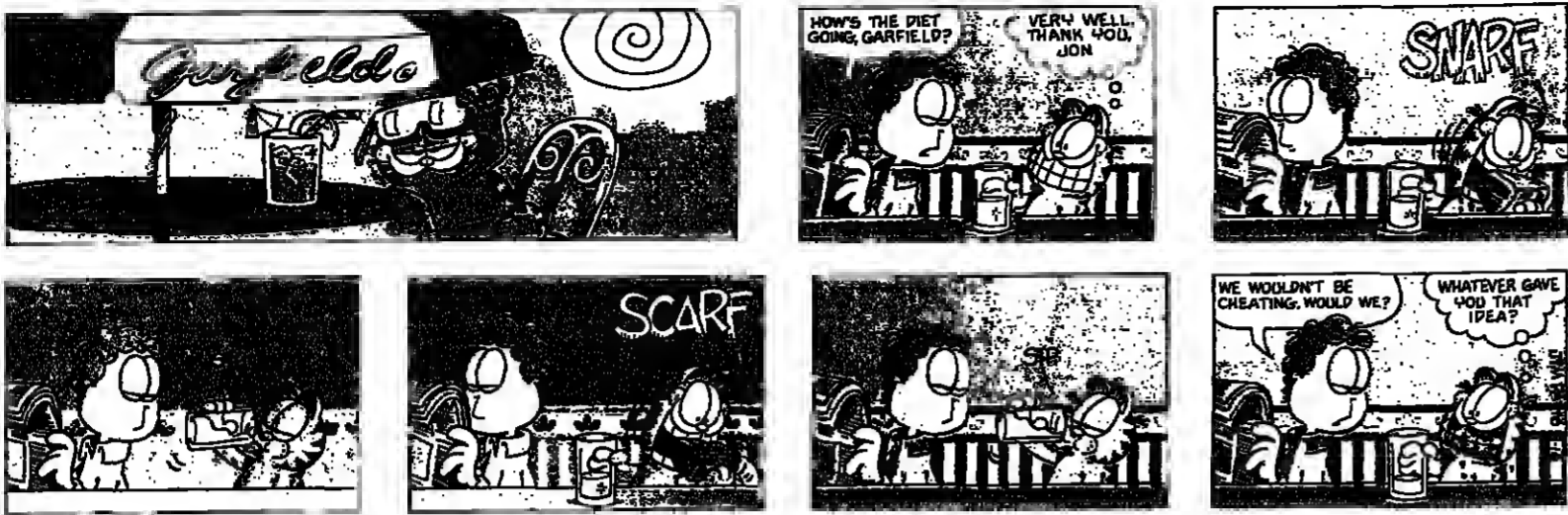
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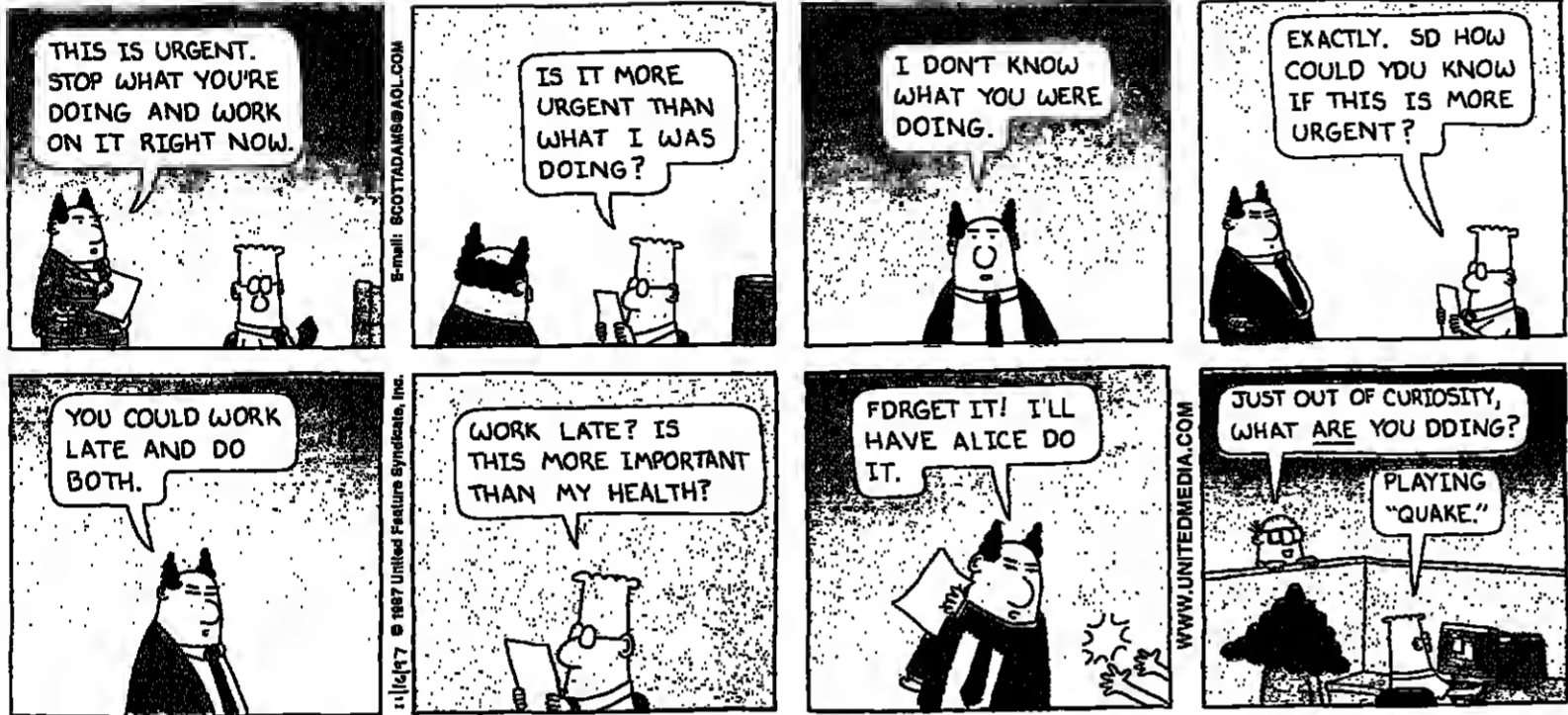
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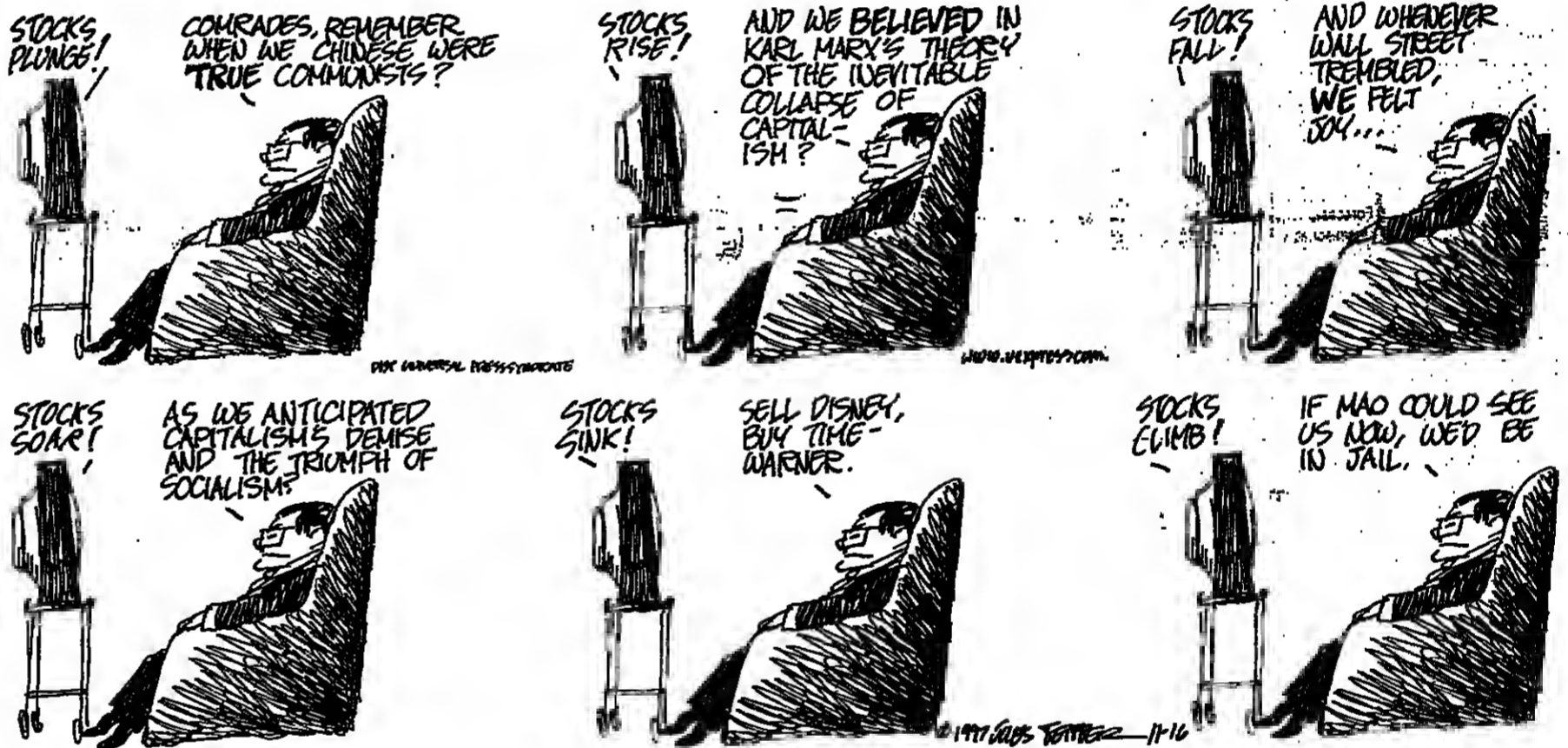


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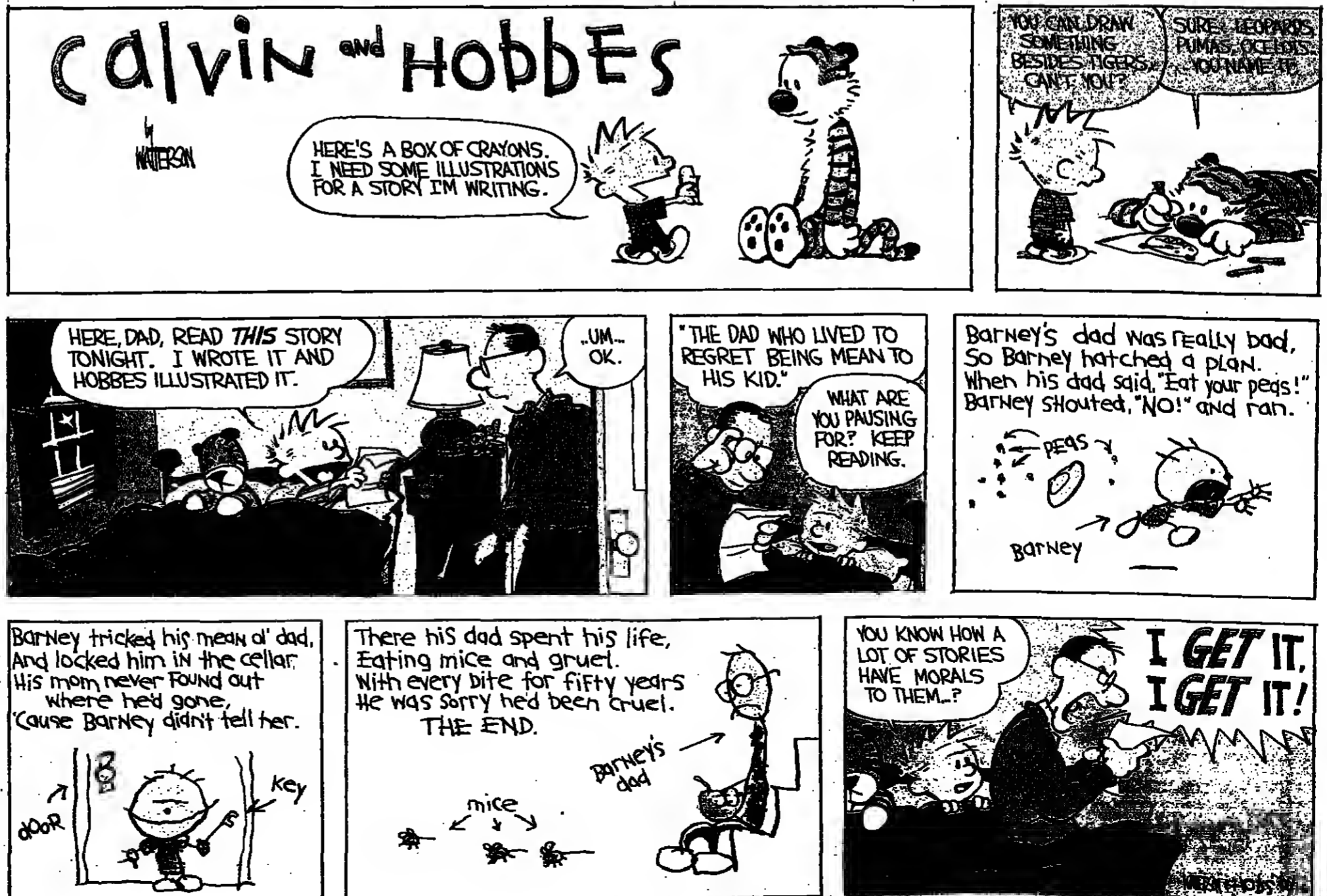


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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD puzzle with clues for across and down words.

SOLUTIONS section providing answers for the cryptic crossword puzzle.

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MOVIES section listing various film titles, cast members, and showtimes for different theaters.

